

NEW HAMPSHIRE LAND USE LAW

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PREFACE

The idea for this treatise originated from my service as a planning board member in Gilford during which time I realized how much members of land use boards are expected to know. While members receive occasional legal assistance from town counsel, very often lay board members must have a working knowledge of the law to effectively perform their functions.

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We earnestly solicit comments that will make this book of assistance to everyone working to see that our New Hampshire lands are well used.

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This treatise is dedicated to the men and women of New Hampshire who spend countless hours as volunteers serving on the land use boards of their communities. If this treatise assists them in some small way in carrying out their important duties, its purpose will have been fulfilled.

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